

DRA 2006 Federal Grant Program -- Simplified Process and Timeline

Thursday January 26 – DRA 2006 Federal Grant Program to be Announced (tentative).

Monday, January 30 – LDDs – Begin Publicizing, Educating and Assisting Pre-Applicants with Preparation of Pre-Applications. During February All LDDs Will Host Public Forums.

(Allows 71 days for Pre-Application Preparation.)

No Later Than Noon, Wednesday, March 29– ALL Pre-Applications Due at LDDs, to be Screened for Completeness.

Wednesday, April 12 – LDDs package Complete Pre-Applications and Send original and copy to DRA.

Each LDD will also send a copy to its State at the same time.

(Again, This Allows 76 Days from “Announcement” to Pre-Application Deadline.)

No Later Than Wednesday, May 17 – Federal Co-Chairman Determines Eligibility.

(Allows 35 Days to Determine Eligibility.)

By Wednesday, May 24 – Governors Receive List of Eligibles and Ineligibles. Additionally, FCC provides a written explanation of why a project was deemed ineligible to the Applicants, States and LDDs.

By Wednesday, May 31—States respond to List of Ineligibles.

States will provide written responses to the FCC, if they have a different perspective on an ineligible project.

By Friday June 7 -- FCC has responded in writing to each State’s perspective of eligibility.

**By Friday, June 14 – Governors Select Projects and Notify Federal Co-Chairman.
(Allows Governors 21 Days to Select Projects for “Invitation to Apply”.)**

On June 16 – Federal Co-Chairman Issues “Invitations to Apply” to Governors’ Selections.

**By Friday, July 28, Applications to be Prepared by Invitees and Received by DRA.
(Allows 42 Days for Application Preparation and Receipt by DRA.)**

**No Later Than Thursday, August 31, DRA Staff Completes Review of Applications and
Forwards Such Reviews to Governors**

(Allows 34 Days for DRA Staff to Review and Collaborate With Pre-Grantees.)

**By Wednesday, September 6, Governors Complete Evaluation and Certification of
Applications; Forward “Evaluated and Certified” list to Federal Co-Chairman.**

(Allows 6 Days for Governors to Evaluate and Certify Applications.)

On Tuesday, September 12, Board Meets to Vote on DRA 2006 Federal Grant Projects

**On Thursday, September 14, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Members of Congress of
the Authority’s Approval of Projects for DRA 2006 Federal Grant Funding.**

**On Tuesday, September 19, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Governors of the
Authority’s Approval of Projects for DRA 2006 Federal Grant Funding.**

By September 30, (Most) 2006 Projects Will Be Closed and All Will Be Funded.